Synopsis

This statutory and case supplement incorporates the latest statutory changes and proposed revisions and the most recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions bearing on evidence law. The statutory component of this volume reflects the recent amendments to Federal Rules of Evidence 801(d)(1)(B), 803(6)(E), 803(7)(C), and 803(8)(B), all of which took effect on December 1, 2014. Also included are proposals to amend Rule 803(16) and to add two new authentication rules, 902(13) and 902(14). The Advisory Committee’s Notes to all these changes and proposals, together with explanatory editor’s notes, appear as well. The statutory component also presents a side-by-side reprinting of the older (pre-2011), unrestyled Federal Rules of Evidence and the newly restyled rules to allow for ready comparison. Editor’s notes point out those areas where the restyling project, contrary to its authors’ claimed intentions, worked substantive changes in the rules. The case supplement analyzes the Supreme Court’s 2015 decision in Ohio v. Clark as well as its 2014 ruling in Warger v. Shauers and 2013 ruling in Salinas v. Texas. Clark addresses whether the admission against the defendant of a young child’s allegation of abuse, made out of court and offered in lieu of the child’s testimony at trial, violated the defendant’s confrontation right. Warger raises questions concerning the application of Rule 606(b). And Salinas examines the prosecution’s use in its case-in-chief of a suspect’s silence in response to noncustodial police questioning. The supplement also addresses the Supreme Court’s recent grant of certiorari in Peña-Rodriguez v. Colorado. The Court will consider whether the Sixth Amendment’s guarantee of an impartial jury overcomes Rule 606(b) and its state-law equivalents and permits defendants to present juror testimony about case-related expressions of ethnic bias in the jury room. Oral argument is set for October 11, 2016. Throughout the supplement, those who teach with Fisher’s Evidence (3rd ed. 2013) will benefit from paginated cross-references between the casebook and the supplement.

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